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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: VIEWS OF ALGERIAN MILITARY ATTACHE

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1. SINCE SENDING REFTEL I HAVE SEEN PAUL BALTA STORY ON PAGE 3 OF JULY 1 LE MONDE WHICH GIVES DETAILED ACCOUNT OF ALGERIAN VIEWS CLOSELY PARALLELING THOSE REPORTED TO ME BY COL. BOUTELLA, ALGERIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN RABAT. DO NOT KNOW WHETHER LATTER WAS SIMPLY REPEATING LE MONDE STORY TO ME, BUT BALTA IS WELL-INFORMED LOCAL CORRESPONDENT AND BELIEVE HIS ACCOUNT IS ACCURATE REFLECTION ALGERIAN ATTITUDES. STORY CONCERNS ALGERIAN COMPLAINT OF MOROCCAN DUPLICITY IN NEGOTIATING SECRET PARTITION AGREEMENT WITH MAURITANIA. BALTA SAYS ALGERIANS ASKING THEMSELVES IF STRANGE MANEUVERS OF MOROCCANS AND MAURITANIANS DO NOT HAVE FOREIGN HAND BEHIND THEM AND THAT, WHILE THEY DO NOT NAME THAT HAND, THEY OBVIOUSLY MEAN UNITED STATES. HE QUOTES RESPONSIBLE ALGERIAN AS SAYING ONE CANNOT DISSOCIATE MANEUVERS OVER SAHARA FROM MILITANT POSITION ADOPTED BY ALGERIA ON ENERGY QUESTION.... "THEY ARE TRYING TO SET THE MAGHREBIS
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AGAINST EACH OTHER, TO ISOLATE ALGERIA AND TARNISH ITS

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IMAGE. IN REALITY, THE TRUE FRONTIER BETWEEN ALGERIA AND MOROCCO IS SOCIALISM. THE SAHARA AFFAIR IS BEING USED TO STRIKE BLOWS AT THE SOCIALIST OPTIONS OF ALGERIA, WHEN IT HAS NO TERRITORIAL DEMANDS."

2. AM CALLING ON DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT FONMIN (ADJALI) AFTERNOON JULY 4 AND INTEND QUIZ HIM ON SUBJECT AND REPEAT OUR POSITION OF NON-INVOLVEMENT.PARKER

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